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REMARKS

These remarks are responsive to the Office Action dated December 7, 2005 and were necessitated by the new grounds of rejections proffered by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11 and 14-23 are now in this application. Claims 2, 10 and 12-13 were previously cancelled. Claims 11, 16 and 22-23 have been amended. Claim 16 has merely been amended to correct a grammatical error.

Claims 1, 3-9 and 14-20 are allowed, Claims 11, 22 and 23 stand rejected and are objected to.

Claim Objections:

In the December 7, 2005 Office Action the Examiner objected to Claims 22 and 23 for having the typographical error "in a balloon". Applicant has amended these claims to correct the language to "is a balloon". Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for pointing out this error and respectfully requests that based on the current amendment these objections be withdrawn.

Drawings:

The Examiner objected to Figure 3 for including the reference character 70 when that reference was not included in the description. Again applicant is grateful to the Examiner for pointing this out. Applicant has amended the specification, in particular the section which describes figure 3 to include the reference character 70. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that based on the amended specification, the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections:

In the December 7, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 11, 21 and 23. Claim 11 is independent and Claims 21 and 23 depend therefore. Accordingly, if Claim 11 is novel then so are Claims 21 and 23. Claim 11 has been amended to include that a cavity is formed between an

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interior of the piezo amplification device and the inflatable object. Support for this amendment can be found, among other places, in the drawings and at page 3, lines 14-16 of the specification. In view of the present amendment the rejection is traversed and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of Claims 11, 21 and 23.

No new matter has been added.

This response attends to each point noted by the Examiner. The claims are proper and patentable. Allowance is respectfully requested. However, should the Examiner deem that further clarification of the record is in order, we invite a telephone call to the undersigned attorney prior to the issuance of the next office action to expedite further processing of the claims to allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,



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